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**FINAL AGENDA**

Regular Board Meeting **\*\*12:00 PM\*\*** January 21, 2019  
Madison Valley Public Library

1. Call meeting to order: 12:00
2. Review minutes from previous meetings: 12:05
3. Financial-Emily Osborn: 12:06
4. Public Comment:
5. Business-310-Mel McKittrick: 12:10
  - a. #18-20 Steve or Eric Hamilton, South Willow Creek (Ditch Diversion in Potosi Campground)
  - b. #18-27 Bob Wagner, Moores Creek (Complaint)
  - c. #18-29E Keith Dunn, North Willow Creek (Beaver Dam)
  - d. Work Completion Reports:
  - e. Monthly time spent on 310's
6. Old Business and Reports: 12:20
  - a. Strategic Planning
  - b. 310 Site training
    - February 25<sup>th</sup>, or 26<sup>th</sup>
    - Location: Madison Valley Bank (45-50 people) Fire Hall (36 people)
    - Topics covered
  - c. 310 Joint Application
    - Comments due by January 31, 2019
  - d. Lower Jack Creek
    - Review revised RE Miller contract
  - e. BSWC Member
  - f. Dotties Bookkeeping
  - g. 310 Administrative 223 Grant Funding FY17/18
  - h. Staffing Discussion
7. New Business: 1:00
  - a. Officer Elections
  - b. Banquet Planning
    - Stewardship award-nominations due Feb. 12
    - Select awardee at Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting
    - Sponsor letters (signatures)
  - c. Support for writer Lauren Oakes event
  - d. Science Fair
    - Awards
  - e. New MCD Website
8. Correspondence: 1:30

- a. **DEQ rule change comments**
  - Sewage Lagoon rule-due January 28
  - Ground water rule-due February 8th
- b. **DNRC change of water right public notice**
- c. **Lone Mountain Land Company**
  - Moonlight Basin Proposed Subdivision-Lee's Pool Subdivision, Planned Unit Development
- d. **Sunni's thank you note**

9. **NRCS Report**

10. **Supervisors Report**

11. **Staff/Project Report**

12. **Upcoming Dates:**

- a. **Montana's Conservation Partners Meet and Greet, January 24-Helena, MT**
- b. **Montana Board of Livestock Meeting, January 25-Helena, MT**
- c. **MWCC 2019 Watershed Day and Annual Meeting, January 28-29-Helena, MT**
- d. **NACD 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, February 2-6-San Antonio, TX**
- e. **Plan, Prepare & Pass It On Workshop, February 5-6-Billings, MT**
- f. **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Yellowstone Agricultural Forum, February 7-Three Forks, MT**
- g. **2019 State Wide Administer Training, June 3-6-Highwood, MT**
- h. **Montana Range Days, June 17-19-Dillon, MT**
- i. **Montana Youth Range Camp, June 25-28-Bozeman, MT**
- j. **33<sup>rd</sup> Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp, July 14-19-Missoula, MT**

## Staff Report

**Ethan Kunard: Water Programs Manager**

**Watershed/Drought Planning** – The Montana DEQ submitted the Metals, Nutrients, and Pathogen TMDLs to the EPA for final approval. I'm unsure of the timeline for these being reviewed and accepted. The DNRC also extended its contract with groups in the Missouri Headwaters to continue drought-related planning efforts.

**Madison Stream Team** – I'm working with Briana to guide her in finishing the 2018 data analysis and report.

**Watershed Management Grant** – We were awarded \$11,165.00 from the DNRC. This includes \$3,000 toward our Big Sky Watershed Corps host site fee, and \$7,650 toward project planning and landowner site-visits (includes acquisition of drone for collecting video and photos for documenting site conditions). This contract runs through Dec. 31, 2020.

**Big Sky Watershed Corps** – Briana officially started on January 7<sup>th</sup>. With grant support from MWCC, SWCDM, and DNRC, we were able to secure \$11,625 toward our host site fee (95%). Her time will be allocated toward the Ennis Schools pollinator garden, soil health education/outreach, communications and outreach, Madison Stream Team, and MCD strategic plan development.

**Planning Board** – No December meeting to report on.

**Emily Osborn: Administrator**

**Administration Tasks-** Emily received an email back from MPERA regarding our request of MPERA to waive the late payment penalty fees in the amount of \$2,960.00 resulting from the errors in reporting by Dottie's Bookkeeping Service. MPERA waived these penalty fees and will remove them from our account in the coming month.

**2019 Banquet Planning-** Banquet planning is coming along. Emily continues to meet with the Ruby Valley Conservation District every month to discuss the planning of the 2019 banquet. The RVCD selected the band "Little Jane and the Pistol Whips" to perform at the banquet. Scott Kelley with the Gravel Bar will operate the bar. The MCD ran a public notice for caterers in The Madisonian for two editions, Emily and Shirley Galovic (RVCD) also contacted caterers directly. We had one response to our notice. Janet Marsh, The Shovel and Spoon was selected to caterer the event at \$20.00 per plate, buffet style. Nomination are open for the Stewardship award. They are due February 12, 2019.

**Bear Creek Days-** Imery's Talc responded to our letter requesting support for Bear Creek Field Camp stating they would like to support the camp. Emily is waiting for more information from them.